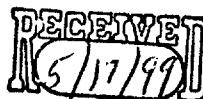


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To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is submitted pursuant to Section 406 (r)(6) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for the purpose of notifying the agency of statements being made in connection with the marketing of dietary supplements being distributed by this company.

The product name and the dietary ingredients for which the statement is being made is as follows:

JOINT FORMULA

Glucosamine Sulfate	200 mg
Chondroitin Sulfate	25 mg
Shark Cartilage	150 mg
Ginger (root)	80 mg
White willow (bark)	80 mg
Boswellia Serrata	
(whole plant)	150 mg

The text of the statements that are being made in regards to the above stated product are listed below:

- A healthy feast for your joints.
- Life's worth living with healthy joints.
- Healthy joints let you do what you love.
- The nutritional way to help strengthen joint structures and maintain healthy cartilage.
- Joint Formula..maintain joint strength and flexibility.
- This unique formula...help relaxation and comfort.

Sincerely,

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